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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97, the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1), Applicant certifies that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication with a foreign patent office in a Japanese counterpart application on January 6, 2004, which is not more than three months prior to the date of this information disclosure statement. A fee in the amount of \$180.00 for filing an information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d) is included herewith.

Copies of the documents and a completed Form PTO-1449 are attached herewith. The Examiner is respectfully requested to cite the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 in the next Office Action. In so doing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initial in the space

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If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, kindly telephone the undersigned at the below-listed number.

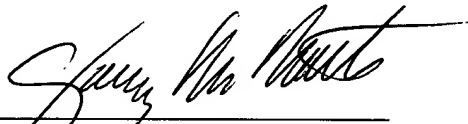
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